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**RE: Request For Extension Of Reply Comment
Deadline In IB Docket No. 97-95**

Dear Mr. Caton:

This letter is written on behalf of TRW Inc. ("TRW") in support of the request by Lockheed Martin Corporation ("Lockheed Martin"), filed on May 5, 1997, seeking an extension of the reply comment deadline in the above-referenced docket. TRW urges the Commission to grant this relief and extend the reply deadline until June 18, 1997.

As pointed out by Lockheed Martin, a two week turnaround time for responsive comments in a proceeding likely to involve a variety of interested parties representing a wide range of views is tight even under ordinary circumstances. In this case, however, where considerations arising from the ongoing Conference Preparatory Meeting ("CPM") for the 1997 World Radiocommunication Conference are likely to have an impact on the prospects for use of the frequency bands at issue, the current deadline is unreasonably hurried. Interested parties must be given an opportunity to evaluate the prospects for use of the bands between 36-51.4 GHz with

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the full benefit of information concerning the views of other administrations gained from the CPM. Because the conference does not conclude until the last business day before the reply deadline, the current timetable offers no realistic prospect for parties to address meaningfully the outcome of the CPM in their reply comments. If the Commission does not extend the deadline, the record in this proceeding will be left incomplete.

Accordingly, TRW strongly supports Lockheed Martin's request for extension of the reply deadline in IB Docket No. 97-95 until June 18, 1997.

Respectfully submitted,

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